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Serial No. 09/336,207)

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CONVOLUTED WEB, C-SHAPED)
FLANGES, AND END PLATE)

Group Art Unit: 3635

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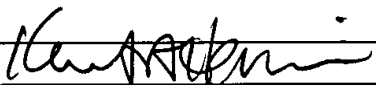
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